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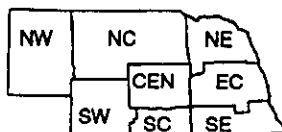
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WEATHER

The week was warm and dry. Temperatures averaged around six degrees above normals across the State. Very little precipitation occurred throughout the week.

GENERAL

Ideal fall harvest conditions again this past week enabled Nebraska farmers to make excellent harvesting progress, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers continue to report yields better than their pre-harvest expectations. As fields are harvested, some producers are tilling the crop stubble while others are preparing corn and sorghum stalks for gleaning by cattle. Dry bean harvest continued, as well as the continuation of the fall potato harvest and the start up of the regular sugar beet harvest last week. Other farm activities included fall livestock care.

CROPS

Harvest of corn for grain made excellent progress last week as producers had picked 74% of the State's acreage by week's end, 15 days ahead of average. The crop has been field drying well and has allowed farmers to harvest at a very fast pace. Some lodging from earlier corn

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borer damage has heightened concerns and encourages harvest progress.

Soybean harvest also progressed at an increasing rate last week and as of Sunday, 92% had been cut. This completion rate was nearly two weeks ahead of the 5-year average.

Grain sorghum also experienced a fast harvest pace with the ideal conditions and reached 84% complete by week's end, about two and a half weeks ahead of average.

Wheat seeding neared completion last week with crop emergence at a near normal rate. Some fields have spotty stands while others have progressed well. Moisture is needed across the State to sustain growth of the plants. Crop condition was rated at 9% very poor, 7% poor, 36% fair, and 48% good.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 69% of normal. With the deterioration of some pastures and lack of growth of cool season grasses, cattle were benefiting from stalk fields. Supplemental feeding continued where necessary. Producers were working with and weaning calves.

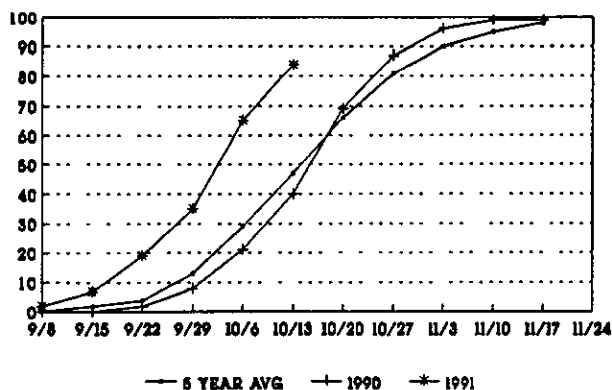
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 13, 1991	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	38	67	71	76	81	51	80	94	74	52	40	41
% sorghum harvested	0	65	84	89	90	39	72	94	84	65	40	47
% soybeans harvested	0	85	91	96	92	67	92	95	92	74	71	66
% wheat emerged	100	94	92	100	72	98	82	50	87	75	85	91
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 11, 1991												
Days suitable	7.0	6.6	6.1	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.7	6.0	5.5	
Topsoil moisture - Short	40	93	61	85	100	82	100	71	81	81	70	
(Percent) - Adequate	60	7	39	15	0	18	0	29	19	17	29	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	
Subsoil moisture - Short	40	79	89	92	88	46	93	100	82	86	77	
(Percent) - Adequate	60	21	11	8	12	54	7	0	18	14	23	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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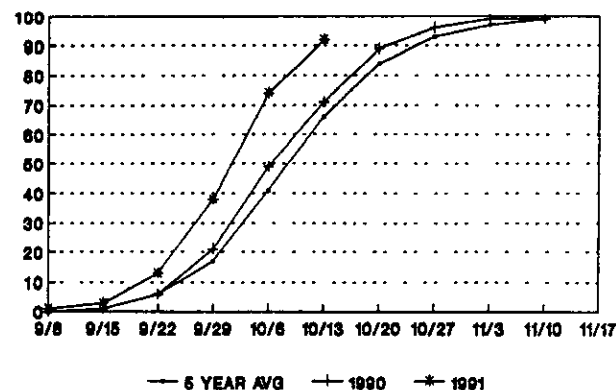
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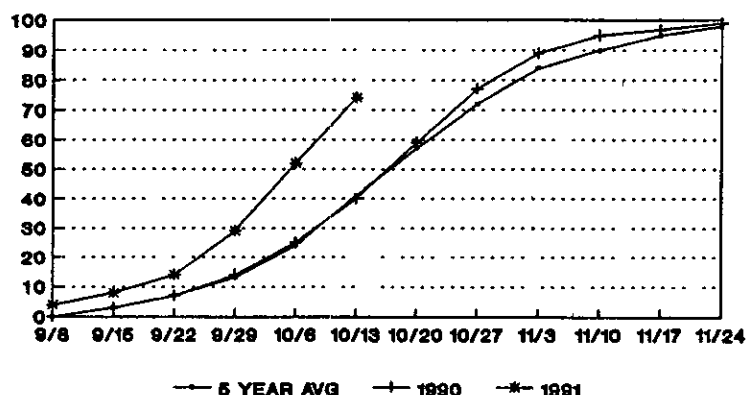
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NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



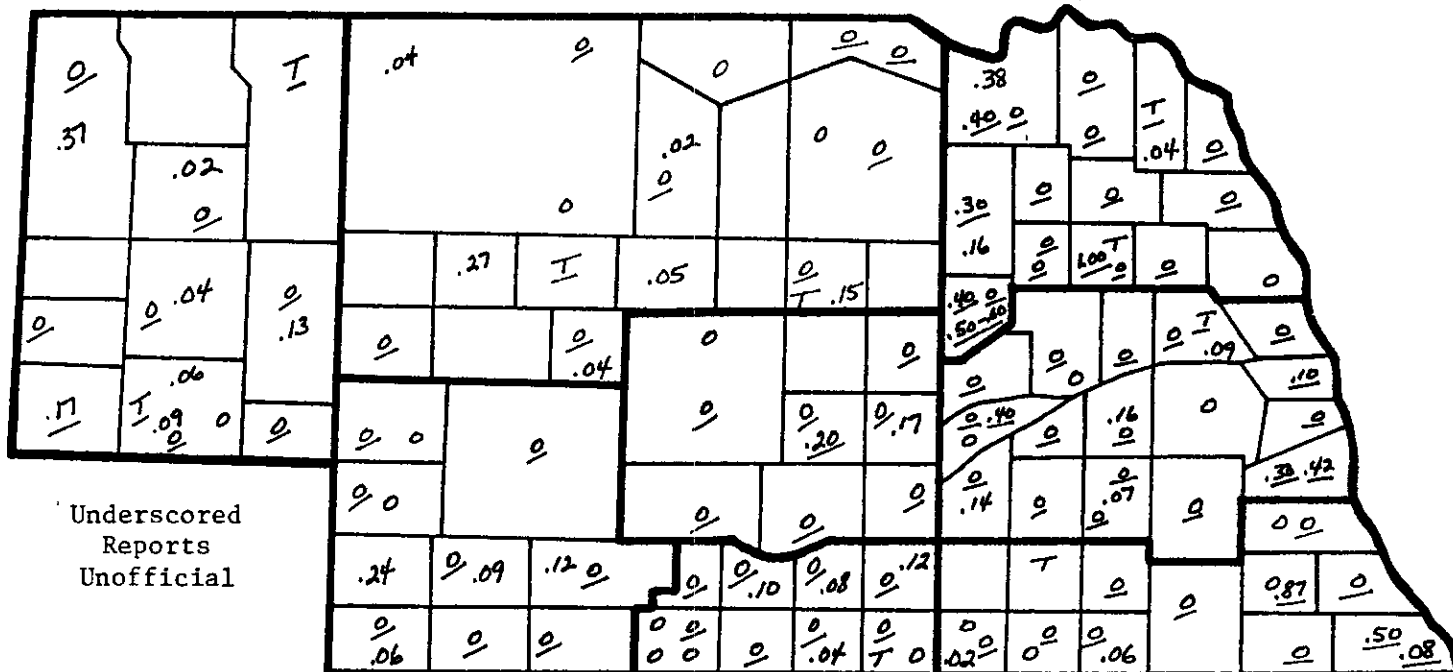
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NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1991



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1991

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	89	35	61	---	0
Scottsbluff	88	32	59	+6	0
Sidney	87	37	60	---	0
NC Valentine	87	28	59	+6	0
NE Norfolk	83	31	60	+5	0
Sioux City	82	31	59	+3	0
CEN Grand Island	88	36	63	+7	0
Ord	87	31	62	---	0
EC Lincoln	88	34	63	+6	0
Omaha	82	38	63	+7	0
SW Imperial	86	31	61	---	0
North Platte	88	35	60	+7	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.